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result is a new interpretation of London's urban geographies, moving beyond the accepted view of the West End as the consumer city and the

East as the city of poverty, and demonstrating that the informality of the street markets was a powerful force in shaping representations of London and its people.